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Mr. President,

The Health and Human Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 195, MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF**, by Senator N. Blouin, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 9 through 18:*

9 This bill requires the Department of Workforce Services to contract with one or  
more  
10 medical debt relief entities for the {~~purchase~~} acquisition and {  
forgiveness} relief of medical debt.  
11 Highlighted Provisions:  
12 This bill:  
13 ▶ defines terms;  
14 ▶ creates the Medical Debt Relief Restricted Account;  
15 ▶ requires the Department of Workforce Services to contract with one or more  
16 medical debt relief entities for the {~~purchase and forgiveness~~} acquisition and  
relief of medical debt; and  
17 ▶ requires the Department of Workforce Services to report to the Health and  
Human  
18 Services Interim Committee on medical debts {~~forgiven~~} relieved .

2. *Page 2, Lines 36 through 45:*

36 (1) "Creditor" means:  
37 (a) a health care provider to whom a medical debt is owed; or  
38 (b) a person that has {~~purchased~~} acquired a medical debt once owed

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to a health care provider.

39       (2) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
40       78B-3-403.

41       (3) "Medical debt" means a Utah resident's debt for goods or services provided by a  
42       health care provider.

43       (4) "Medical debt relief entity" means a nonprofit entity that:

44       (a) ~~{purchases}~~ acquires medical debt from creditors; and

45       (b) ~~{forgives}~~ relieves the medical debt.

3. *Page 3, Lines 60 through 66:*

60       (1) Within appropriations by the Legislature from the Medical Debt Relief  
61       Restricted

62       Account, the department shall contract with one or more medical debt relief entities for  
63       the

64       ~~{purchase}~~ acquisition and ~~{forgiveness}~~ relief of medical debt.

65       (2) The department shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim  
66       Committee

67       in September of each even-numbered year on debts ~~{purchased and forgiven}~~ =  
68       acquired and relieved under Subsection

69       (1), without disclosing information that could be used to identify individual debtors or  
70       creditors.

Respectfully,

Michael S. Kennedy  
Chair

Voting: 4-0-3